GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2191
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Cricket Commentary on AIR
Birla Shri Om

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the All India Radio (AIR) has failed to air any cricket commentary since last 11 months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether the Government proposes to start radio commentary for cricket matches;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)

(a): Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) provided live commentary of :

i) India Vs Bangladesh Cricket Series- 2015 consisting of one test match and three ODI played in Bangladesh from 10.06.2015 to 24.06.2015.

ii) India Vs Zimbabwe Cricket Series − 2015 consisting of three one day International and two T/20 matches played in Zimbabwe from 10.07.2015 to 19.07.2015.

(b): Does not arise in view of reply to part (a).
(c) to (e): Prasar Bharati has informed that All India Radio (AIR) is providing live commentary and will continue to provide live Radio Commentary to all the forthcoming cricket series subject to the acquisition of Radio Broadcast Rights.

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